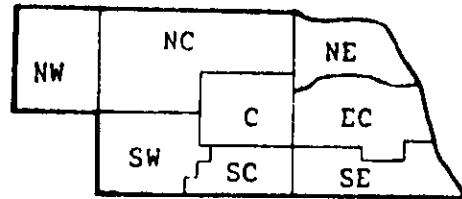


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WEATHER

On Friday, temperatures were 1 to 13 degrees above normal; otherwise, temperatures for the week were below normal. A few brief showers fell Saturday but most amounts were not measurable.

CROPS

Dry weather and killing frost in many areas of the State this past week continued to quicken the maturity of fall crops. Harvest has begun in all areas of the State.

Lack of rains has caused the topsoil moisture supplies to decline further, to 93% short and only 7% adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies also declined to 92% short and 8% adequate. A year ago topsoil was 89% short and subsoil was 96% short.

Corn harvest is off to a good start statewide with moisture of grain running mostly 22 to 25%. Over 10% of the crop has been harvested so far, ahead of last year and normal. Of the dryland and irrigated corn, both are nearing 90% maturity, compared with 75% a year ago and 85% for normal. Damage from corn borer and root worms may create harvest problems in some fields.

Sorghum harvest is progressing well over the State. Over 90% of the crop is now ripe, greater than the 60% a year ago and 65% normal. The crop is nearing 25% harvested, compared to 10% a year ago and 5% for normal. Moisture content is reportedly running 15 to 20%. Harvest is furthest along in the Central, South Central, East, and Southeast Districts.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybeans are approaching maturity more slowly than corn and sorghum but are still ahead of normal. Over 90% have shed leaves to date, ahead of last year at 70% and the normal at 85%. Nearly 65% are now mature; this is greater than the 55% a year ago and the 45% for normal. Nearly 15% of the crop has been harvested to date, compared to 10% for last year and 5% for normal.

Wheat seeding continues statewide with over 90% seeded at this time. This compares to the 80% a year ago and 85% normal. As many have seeded in dry topsoil, moisture is needed statewide to help sprout the wheat and develop good stands. A few reports indicate spotty stands in some areas.

Alfalfa hay growth has slowed in many areas. Some fourth cuttings will not be taken. To date, about 40% of the fourth cutting is complete.

Dry bean harvest has been progressing well and is nearing completion in western Nebraska. Sugar beet harvest should begin this week.

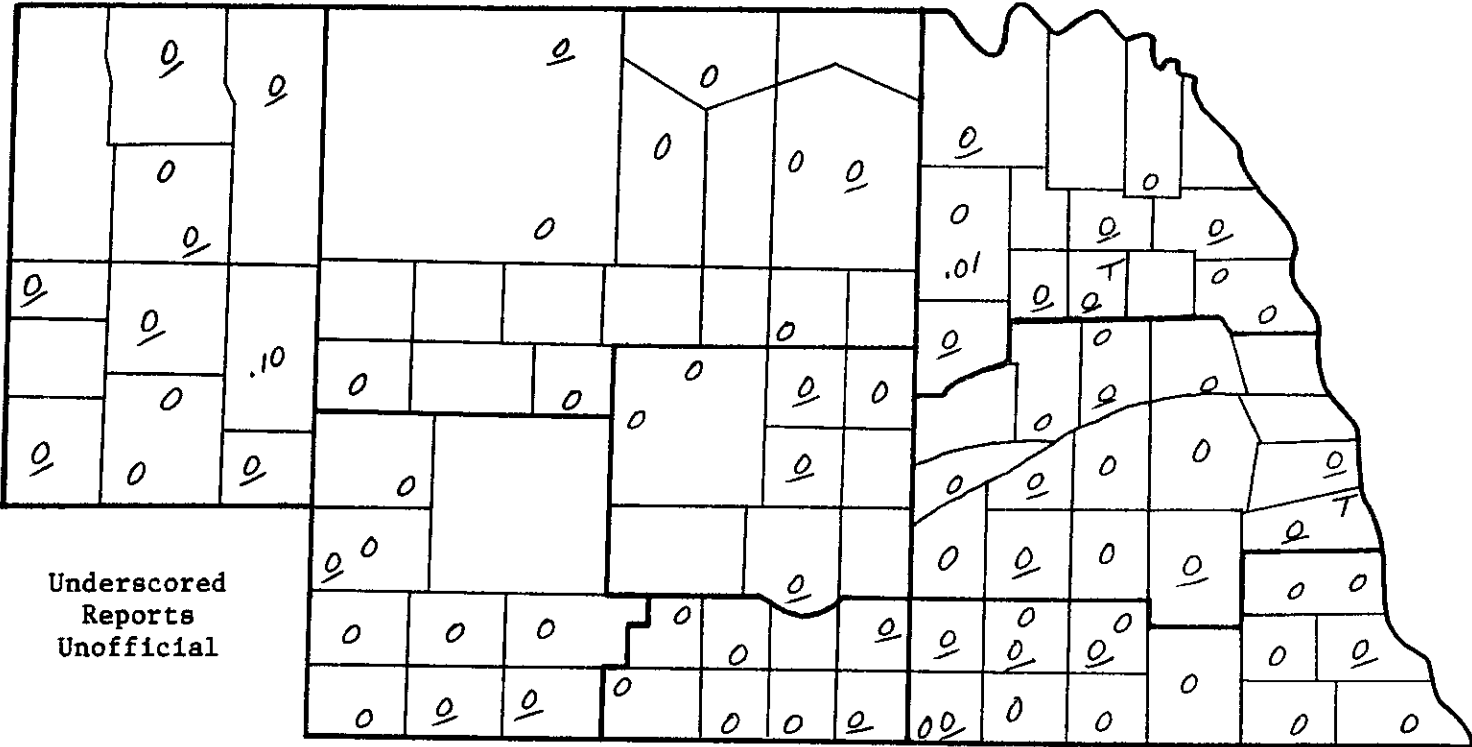
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies declined from last week to 89% short. A year ago it was 90% short. Supplemental feeding continues in some areas until corn and sorghum fields are harvested and available for fall foraging.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 26, 1975

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total since April 1	9.80	12.80	13.80	16.50	18.10	13.40	19.40	19.20
Normal since April 1	13.64	16.39	19.55	18.14	21.42	15.23	18.64	23.10

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1975



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1975

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	82	32	57	-.04
	Scottsbluff	85	33	56	T
	Sidney	87	32	55	0
NC	Burwell	78	31	53	.18
	Valentine	86	34	54	.04
NE	Norfolk	75	32	53	.13
	Sioux City	73	31	53	.19
CEN	Grand Island	76	34	54	.25
EC	Lincoln	75	31	53	.01
	Omaha	76	34	56	.12
SW	Imperial	89	34	56	0
	North Platte	81	26	51	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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